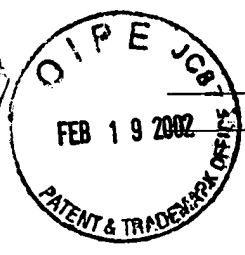


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FOR PREPARING THE SAME )

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

At page two of the instant Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction among three groups of inventions, namely claims 1-8 drawn to a method of preparing a polymeric brush substrate (Group I); claims 9-17 drawn to a method for affixing functional sites to a surface of a solid substrate (Group II), and claims 18-21, drawn to a substrate itself (Group III).

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. Applicant believes that the subject matter of claims 1-21 is interrelated to the extent that a search and examination of the subject matter of those claims in the same application would not be overburdensome, despite the subject matter being classified in various classes.


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Notwithstanding Applicant's traversal, Applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-8 for prosecution on the merits. In addition, Applicant elects species 1 claims 1-4 and 6-8 as presented by the Examiner, with traverse. In accordance with the Examiner's instructions at page 5 of the office action, Applicant elects the specific structures presented at claim 6 for prosecution on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,

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